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ELECTIONS

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1. RAFIQ AHMAD BAJWA, GENZRAL SECRETARY OF OPPOSITION
PAKISTAN NATIONAL ALLIANCE (PNA), ISSUED PRESS STATEMENT
IN LAHORE 1600 LOCAL TIME MARCH 8 THAT PNA LEADERSHIP (IN-
CLUDING AIR MARSHAL ASGHAR KHAN) HAS DECIDED TO BOYCOTT
PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY
MARCH 10. ACCORDING TO BAJWA, WHO READ OUT STATEMENT, BOYCOTT
HAS BEEN AGREED UPON TO CALL TO WORLD'S ATTENTION ELECTORAL
MALPRACTICES PAKISTAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (PPP) ALLEGEDLY ENGAGED
IN DURING NATIONAL ASSEMBLY POLL MARCH 7. BAJWA SAID PNA
DID NOT RECOGNIZE RESULTS. MIAN TUFAIL MOHAMMED, AMIR OF
JAMAAT-E-ISLAMI (PUNJAB), READ OUT A LONG LIST OF ALLEGATIONS
AGAINST PPP BEFORE BAJWA SPOKE, ACCUSING IT OF INTIMIDATING
VOTERS, STUFFING BALLOT BOXES, MISUSING GOVERNMENT FUNDS
AND PROPERTY, ETC. TUFAIL CALLED ELECTION SHAMEFUL, AN
INSULT TO NATION.

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2. BAJWA SAID PNA LEADERS WOULD MEET IN LAHORE TONITE (MARCH
8) TO MAP OUT FUTURE STRATEGY. HE FURTHER ANNOUNCED THAT
ALL PNA CANDIDATES FOR NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY
ELECTIONS WOULD GATHER SOON, FOLLOWING WHICH A WHITE PAPER
DETAILED ALLEGATIONS AGAINST PPP WILL BE ISSUED. HE MADE NO
APPEAL FOR POPULAR DEMONSTRATIONS.

3. SO FAR, GOVERNMENT HAS NOT REACTED. HOWEVER, BHUTTO
IS SCHEDULED TO HOLD NATIONWIDE TV PRESS CONFERENCE AT 1930 LOCAL
TIME TONITE (MARCH 8).
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